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Community Relations Minutes 05/04/2007

Community Relations Subcommittee of
The Arlington School Committee

May 4, 2007

Attendees: Denise Burns (chair), Susan Lovelace (member), Sue Sheffler (member), Ron Spangler (School Committee and School Facilities Working Group), Brian Sullivan (Town Manager), Kevin O'Brien (PCD), Dave Barry (PCD), Ted Wade (tenant L'ecole Bilingue), Matt Dolan (tenant ACC)

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 am

I. Discussion of building disposition for Crosby and Parmenter Schools

Given that:

1. a 1-year extension of surplus may not be enough
2. a 5-year extension of surplus may be too much

The School Committee recommended that the subcommittee make a recommendation to the School Committee on how to proceed with regard to these buildings.

Discussion around the roles of the School Committee vs. the town, the need to understand and study future school needs, the need to understand the value of buildings and options, impact to the tenants and their leases in each scenario, service to the town of the tenants, timing considerations and alignment around 5 year plan conclusion, adequate planning for tenants, and having solid plans in place on how to proceed.

Subcommittee on Community Relations voted unanimously to recommend to the full committee to extend the Crosby and Parmenter buildings as surplus until 2011, with the understanding that over the next 1 – 2 years:

1. The town will examine the potential value of the buildings
2. The school committee will examine the long-term school use of those buildings

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.